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And Then

## We are deep in the Hurricane season



I am sitting on a piece of drift wood listening to the waves licking the white sand. The first sunrays are rising

over the Eastern horizon two little Sandpipers hurry by, paying attention to no one. A little crab is going forward

backwards

There is a little batch of pebbles that is pushed forward and then hauled back into the ocean by the waves again and again. To the North of the island there is a big hurricane heading North

The wind is now shifting, it is coming in from the South /East

Suddenly the sea water started to recede. All the coral reefs and the big stones to protruded out of the ocean floor. The wind sprang up and the sunrays disappeared from the horizon.

Dark clouds covered the island. That night it was full moon and at sunrise the moon made no haste to retreat

I had never seen something like this before. I got scared and hastened to my car and

drove home, to warn my family and neighbors to go to higher grounds and to inform the police what I had seen

It could be a tsunami or something similar. Anyhow I was not taking any chance. It started to rain and the wind was blowing at a speed of about 80 miles an hour. Many big trees toppled and cacti were all over the place. Walking outside without protection was a big dangerous risk

The "coke- barn" in the refinery was blown open and the black coke and dust was blowing over the whole area. The coke and dust was so thick you could hardly see your hand in front of your face. The Fire department and Police could not be dispatched because they could not see to drive

There were cacti all over the

place and the black coke and dust made visibility even worse

It was about midday when the "black coke and dust" engulfed Santa Cruz and Oranjestad

As the day wore on our faithful North/East trade winds came to the rescue. It kept on raining and the Trade winds blew the coke and dust out to sea

An unpredictable weather pattern, high winds and a big pile of black coke, can be a serious safety hazard. Hurricane season is just around the corner and I hope that the person(s) responsible will take the needed precaution. If there is nothing to worry about, then let the person(s) responsible say so. 2014 ☐